mation is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Complaints against Wildlife Managers

1150. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received complaints against some Wildlife Managers during the last three years;

(b) if so, the region-wise details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b). Enforcement of Wildlife (Protection) Act and Management of National Parks and Sanctuaries is mainly the responsibility of the State Governments and Administrations of Union Territories. There are 413 Sanctuaries and 73 National Parks in the country. The number of Wildlife Managers in the country will be in thousands. There is no system of centralised collection of information about complaints that may have been received in respect of all wildlife functionaries all over the country.

(c) Measures are being taken to ensure that the complaints received are promptly looked into by the concerned authorities. Where such complaints are received by the Central Government they are forwarded to State Chief Wildlife Wardens if they are found guilty. The problems in connection with the administration of protected areas and implementation of Wildlife Conservation programmes are also discussed with Heads of Forestry and Wildlife Departments of States.

Simultaneously, stress is also being laid on in-service training of officials on various aspects of management including techniques of improving public relations.

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World Book Fair held in Delhi

1151. SHRI P. M. SAYEED:
SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment of the achievements of the recent World Book Fair held in the Capital has been made;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to encourage publishers to bring out more books in regional languages; and

(d) the steps taken to make popular books available at reasonable prices?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b). No formal assessment has been made. However, the Tenth New Delhi World Book Fair was highly successful in attracting a large number of participants and visitors.

(c) National Book Trust encourages publishers to bring out more books in regional languages under the following schemes:–

(i) the scheme for providing assistance to publishers, authors and illustrators to bring out books for children;

(ii) the scheme for providing assistance